

Verdict Favorable

Manila, Dec. 25.—The report of the Charleston court of inquiry, just rendered is favorable to the officers of the stranded warship. It shows that due diligence was exercised in the embarkation of the crew into the boats, which were well handled.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Vigan sends, under date of December 25, the announcement that Colonel White was telegraphed to Vigan, from Bayombong, that Aguinaldo, with a number of Igorrot hitler leaders, has crossed the mountains, near Bayombong, going southward, and that his wife died in a village in that vicinity. She had been ill since the birth of their son, and the hardships of their flight proved fatal.

A report has reached General Young that Colonel Hare and Howe had released twenty-three American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gilmore, at Banna, in the province of North Ilocos. Another report says General Tine has been captured near Iloilo.

Colonel Hare reports having had two encounters with General Tine in which 150 Filipinos were killed or wounded, and about 200 rifles were captured, without casualties on the American side.

General Hare has returned from the bay raising at Cotabato, Pollok, Parang, Parang, Davao and Lail. The sultan and the leading datos welcomed the Americans. The chief of Puerto Princesa refused to permit General Bates to land, announcing his allegiance to Aguinaldo, and the Yorktown, lacking a landing force, withdrew.

LAWTON'S ANXIETY.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Professor Dean C. Worcester, a member of the Philippine commission, who was very near to General Lawton, made the following statement of the last conversation he had with the general before his return to this country:

"Nothing that could be possibly be done would please General Lawton more than the prompt response that is being made to the appeal for funds to put his wife and children beyond the reach of need."

"His bravery was something more than warlike. The night before I left Manila, I was with him until 2 o'clock and just before bidding me good-bye, I begged him, as his friends had begged of him hundreds of times, to be more careful about exposing himself to the fire of the enemy. At that time he had been seriously exposed twenty-eight different

occasions since his arrival in the Philippines, and I told him he ought not to do it. He replied that he knew perfectly the risk he was running, but that it was simply a matter of business with him—that with the force at his disposal and the work that he was called upon to do, he felt it was necessary that he should personally direct every movement. The loss of a little time on an error of judgment on the part of a subordinate, might result in defeat, and, we could not afford to be defeated.

"Furthermore, he knew that so long as he was with them, his men would never fall to respond to any request or call that might be made upon him, and his personal bravery was an inspiration to every soldier in his command. He told me that he had not an anxious thought for himself, that he had been a soldier all his life, and would gladly die a soldier's death, but he thought of what might be in store for his wife and children if he should be taken and this thought weighed heavily upon him. No man ever deserved better of his country, and General Lawton's countrymen will see to it that his wife and children are put beyond the fear of want."

GENERAL YOUNG SELECTED.

Manila, Dec. 25.—General Young has been appointed military governor of the province of northwestern Luzon with headquarters at Vigan. His command includes the 1st infantry under Col. Luther R. Hare, and the 3rd cavalry. He will establish permanent stations at San Fernando and Ilocos, with outposts wherever needed. The 15th infantry will proceed to Appari, garrisoning such towns as may be deemed necessary in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela and Nueva Vizaya, of which Col. Hood has been appointed military governor.

Gen. Young and Col. Hood are establishing civil governments and the port in Luzon will be open for trade about January 1.

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The Texas encountered a gale off Hatteras but had good weather until she reached that port. She anchored in Lynn Haven bay last night and came up to Old Point this morning. After the quarantine regulations had been complied with she proceeded to this city.

Chaplain W. Chadwick, formerly of the Maine, is in charge of the remains of the dead and will accompany them to Washington. Not more than a score of the bodies on the Texas were identified. The names of these are inscribed on the coffins which inclose their mortal remains. There were no ceremonies here today in honor of the arrival of the Maine's dead, but impressive exercises will take place tomorrow when the bodies are transferred from the ship.

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Albert Hall got into a quarrel with two brothers named Edward and Murray Cecil and shot the Cecils. Edward is reported dying tonight; Murray will recover. Hall is a fugitive.

A negro, name not known to the police, partially wrecked a Chinese restaurant in Ervay street with a dynamite cracker. He returned tonight and hit the Chinaman, Dock Coun, in the head with a brick. As the Chinaman turned to get a pistol the negro ran away. The Chinaman fired upon the first negro in sight and killed Jeff Thomas, an innocent bystander. The Chinaman is in jail.

John McMillan and Clay Patton are suffering from bullet wounds and Z. Phillips had a leg broken in three places by a bullet. They are white men and were attacked in different parts of the city by men who escaped and whose identity is not known to the police.

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